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AMENDMENT

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 23, 2002, having a shortened period for response which expired on 20 August 23, 2002, which period has been extended to expire on October 23, 2002, by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment with the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment is 25 respectfully requested.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract on file with the following replacement abstract. A marked up version of the replacement abstract showing the additions and deletions is attached herewith.

--A system and method of identifying programs contained on a disk of any format, including, for example, either a single-sided or a double-sided disk with either a single-layer or multi-layer tracks, are presented. In particular, a dual-sided recording medium is disclosed having respective program data on the first and the second sides of said medium. In addition, the medium has a first area on the first side and a second area on the second side, and the areas have laser encoded data representing individualized information relating to said respective program data. The areas may or may not overlap each other depending on the configuration chosen. Also disclosed is an apparatus for laser encoding the

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